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SUBJECT: CULTURAL-SCIENTIFIC AGREEMENT: FIRST NEGOTIATING SESSION

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1. FIRST NEGOTIATING SESSION WITH CHAVDAR DAMYANOV ON US-GOB CULTURAL-SCIENTIFIC AGREEMENT TOOK PLACE FEBRUARY 4. AMBASSADOR, DCM AND P&C OFFICER MADE UP U.S. NEGOTIATING TEAM. AFTER STATING WE WERE NEGOTIATING ON AD REFERENDUM BASIS, WE PROCEEDED TO TABLE NEW DRAFT MADE UP PURSUANT TO REFTELS AND INCORPORATING A MODICUM OF GOB LANGUAGE. TEXT IS GIVEN BELOW

2. DEPARTMENT WILL NOTICE WE HAVE MOVED THE SUBARTICLE ON ACCESS TO LIBRARIES
(REF A, ARTICLE I.
2. B) FROM EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE TO CULTURAL EXCHANGE
ARTICLE, WHERE IT SEEMED TO US TO FIT BETTER. IT
THEREFORE IS FOUND AS ARTICLE II. 2. B. OF THE NEW
DRAFT. WE ALSO DUPLICATED UNDER BOTH ARTICLES I
AND II SOME ACTIVITIES WHICH LOGICALLY CAN BE
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PURPOSES. THIS WILL ASSIST US IN WORKING WITH THE

SEPARATE GOB COMMITTEES WHICH HANDLE THESE TWO AREAS.

- 3. REF A, PARA 3: DAMYANOV SAID HE WOULD CHECK AND ADVISE WHETHER CSTPHE OR ACADEMY OF SCIENCES IS PROPER BULGARIAN BODY TO SIGN MEMORANDUM WITH NSF. OUR IMPRESSION IS NSF FALLS IN U.S. GOVERNMENTAL LEVEL SOMEWHERE BETWEEN CSTPHE AND ACADEMY IN GOB STRUCTURE.
- 4. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE STICKING
 POINTS DAMYANOV PROMISED BULGARIAN SIDE WOULD GIVE
 IMMEDIATE ATTENTION TO OUR PROPOSAL, AND HE HOPED
 TO BE IN POSITION TO REPLY IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.
 WE HAVE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED NEXT MEETING FOR
 NEXT FRIDAY, BUT SINCE THAT IS THE THIRTEENTH
 MAY DECIDE TO SLIP THE DATE A LITTLE.

5. FOLLOWING IS TEXT TABLED FEBRUARY 4:

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA ON EXCHANGES AND COOPERATION IN CULTURAL, SCIENTIFIC, EDUCATIONAL, TECHNOLOGICAL AND OTHER FIELDS.

DESIROUS OF DEVELOPING AND EXPANDING RELATIONS AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IN THE FIELDS OF CULTURE, SCIENCE, EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGY, THE ARTS, SPORTS AND OTHER FIELDS ON A MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL BASIS TO THE INTEREST OF THE TWO COUNTRIES, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE I

THE PARTIES WILL ENCOURAGE EXCHANGES AND COOPERATION IN EDUCATION, THE HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES, AND OTHER FIELDS OF INTELLECTUAL ENDEAVOR, ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL BENEFIT, BY PROVIDING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR AND FACILITATING APPROPRIATE CONTACTS AND ACTIVITIES BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS AND INSTITUTIONS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES. SUCH CONTACTS AND ACTIVITIES MAY INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, THE FOLLOWING:

A. EXCHANGES OF STUDENTS, INSTRUCTORS, LECTURERS, SCHOLARS, RESEARCHERS, PROFESSORS, EDUCATION OFFICIALS, AND SPECIALISTS;

B. COOPERATION AMONG UNIVERSITIES, OTHER INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, LEARNED SOCIETIES, AND OTHERS:

C. EXCHANGES OF BOOKS, PERIODICALS, AND OTHER MATERIALS WRITTEN OR DEMONSTRATIVE, BY UNIVERSITIES, OTHER INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING AND LEARNED SOCIETIES: AND

D. COOPERATION IN THE ORGANIZATION OF JOINT RESEARCH, CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA.

ARTICLE II

1. THE PARTIES WILL ENCOURAGE EXCHANGES AND COOPERATION IN THE ARTS, CULTURE, COMMUNICATIONS, SPORTS AND OTHER SIMILAR FIELDS, ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL BENEFIT, BY PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR AND FACILITATING APPROPRIATE CONTACTS AND ACTIVITIES BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS AND INSTITUTIONS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES. SUCH CONTACTS AND ACTIVITIES MAY INCLUDE, AMONG OTHER, THE FOLLOWING:

A. EXCHANGE OF STUDENTS, SCHOLARS, AND SPECIALISTS:

B. COOPERATION AMONG CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS;

C. EXCHANGES OF MATERIALS WRITTEN OR DEMONSTRATIVE, FOR USE BY CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS, LIBRARIES, AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS;

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D. COOPERATION IN THE ORGANIZATION OF JOINT RESEARCH, CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA;

E. SHOWING OF DOCUMENTARY AND FEATURE FILMS AND THE HOLDING OF FILM WEEKS DEVOTED TO FEATURE FILMS OF THE OTHER COUNTRY;

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F. COOPERATION BETWEEN APPROPRIATE INDIVIDUALS AND INSTITUTIONS FOR OTHER MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELDS OF CINEMATOGRAPHY, RADIO AND TELEVISION;

G. SHOWING OF EXHIBITS OF A CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL AND INFORMATIONAL NATURE;

H. EXCHANGES AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES, THROUGH INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM EXHIBITIONS AND COMPETITIONS, AND THE EXCHANGE OF SPECIALISTS IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS.

I. EXCHANGE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN THE FIELDS
OF ARCHITECTURE, PAINTING, SCULPTURE, LITERATURE,
MUSIC, THE THEATER, AND OTHER AREAS OF THE ARTS; AND

J. APPEARANCES OF PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC MUSICAL, DANCE, AND THEATRICAL GROUPS, CONDUCTORS, AND INDIVIDUAL PERFORMING ARTISTS, BOTH ON AN AD HOC BASIS AND AS PARTICIPANTS IN INTERNATIONAL FESTIVALS, COMPETITIONS, CONFERENCES, ETC.

2. EACH PARTY WILL ALSO PERMIT AND FACILITIATE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BY ALL APPROPRIATE MEANS:

A. PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION OF CULTURAL, INFORMATIONAL

AND SCIENTIFIC MATERIALS DESIGNED TO INCREASE KNOWLEDGE OF THE PEOPLES AND CULTURES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES; AND

B. ACCESS TO LIBRARIES, MUSEUMS, CULTURAL CENTERS, READING ROOMS, AND ARCHIVES, INCLUDING SUCH FACILITIES OF EACH GOVERNMENT IN THE HOST COUNTRY WHICH ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

ARTICLE III

THE PARTIES WILL ENCOURAGE AND FACILITATE EXCHANGES AND COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF PURE SCIENCE, APPLIED SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY, ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL BENEFIT, BY PROVIDING APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONTACTS AND ACTIVITIES BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS, ENTERPRISES, AND SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ORGANIZATIONS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES. SUCH CONTACTS AND ACTIVITIES MAY INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, THE FOLLOWING:

A. VISITS, STUDY TRIPS, AND CONSULTATIONS AMONG SCIENTISTS AND OTHER SPECIALISTS;

B. JOINT DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS IN PURE AND APPLIED SCIENCES, INCLUDING JOINT RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TESTING, AND THE EXCHANGE OF RESEARCH RESULTS AND EXPERIENCES;

C. ORGANIZATION OF JOINT COURSES, CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA;

D. EXCHANGE OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL FIMS;

E. ORGANIZATION OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL EXHIBITIONS AND DISPLAYS ON A NON-COMMERCIAL BASIS; AND

F. EXCHANGE OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL DOCUMENTATION AND INFORMATION.
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ARTICLE IV

THE PARTIES WILL ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT THE CONDUCT OF COOPERATIVE RESEARCH, JOINT SEMINARS, AND SCIENTIFIC VISITS BETWEEN SCIENTISTS AND INSTITUTIONS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES IN FIELDS OF CONCURRENT INTEREST TO THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE, TECHNICAL PROGRESS AND HIGHER EDUCATION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC

OF BULGARIA. THE PARTIES WILL ALSO FACILITATE THE CONCLUSION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION AND THE BULGARIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION.

ARTICLE V

THE PARTIES WILL ENCOURAGE ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRAVEL BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES OF TOURISTS, AS INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS, TO ACQUAINT THEMSELVES WITH THE LIFE, WORK AND CULTURE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE OTHER COUNTRY.

ARTICLE VI

FORTHE PURPOSE OF IMPLEMENTING THIS AGREEMENT, DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PARTIES WILL MEET PERIODICALLY TO REVIEW CURRENT ACTIVITIES, TO CONSIDER FUTURE ACTIVITIES AND, AS APPROPRIATE, TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS. THESE DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES MAY PREPARE FOR THE PARTIES TO SIGN TWO-YEAR PROGRAMS FOR COOPERATION.

THIS PROVISION DOES NOT EXCLUDE THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF OTHER UNDERTAKINGS OUTSIDE THE PROGRAMS, RELEVANT TO THE OBJECTIVES OF THIS AGREEMENT. THE PARTIES AGREE TO ENCOURAGE AND FACILITATE, AS APPROPRIATE, ADDITIONAL EXCHANGES AND COOPERATION WHICH MAY BE AGREED UPON BY THE PARTIES OR ARRANGED BY INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS OR ORGANIZATIONS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES.

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ARTICLE VII

THIS AGREEMENT, AND THE EXCHANGES AND COOPERATION UNDER IT, WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE CONSTITUTION AND APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF THE RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES. WITHIN THIS FRAMEWORK, BOTH PARTIES WILL USE THEIR BEST EFFORTS TO PROMOTE FAVORABLE CONDITIONS FOR THE FULFILLMENT OF THE PROVISIONS AND OBJECTIVES OF THIS AGREEMENT, AND THE EXCHANGES AND COOPERATION UNDER IT.

ARTICLE VIII

THIS AGREEMENT WILL ENTER INTO FORCE UPON SIGNATURE AND SHALL REMAIN IN FORCE FOR TWO YEARS. IT MAY BE MODIFIED OR EXTENDED BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT OF THE PARTIES AND MAY BE TERMINATED BY EITHER PARTY

UPON SIX MONTHS' WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE OTHER PARTY.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE RESPECTIVE REPRESENTATIVES, DULY AUTHORIZED FOR THE PURPOSE, HAVE SIGNED THIS AGREEMENT. END TEXT HERZ

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